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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
FORWARDING REQUESTS IN A CACHE  
HIERARCHY BASED ON USER-DEFINED  
FORWARDING RULES

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in view of the following remarks and the accompanying documents.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this response.